

# The Hongkong Telegraph.

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SIX DOLLARS PER QUARTER

## Banks.

### THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL £2,000,000.  
PAID-UP CAPITAL £580,000

LONDON:  
Head Office, 40, Threadneedle Street.  
West End Office, 25, Cockspur Street.

BRANCHES IN INDIA, CHINA, JAPAN  
AND THE COLONIES.

THE BANK receives MONEY ON DEPOSIT,  
Buys and Sells BILLS OF EXCHANGE,  
ISSUES LETTERS OF CREDIT, forwards BILLS for  
COLLECTION, and Transacts Banking and  
Agency Business generally, on terms to be had  
on application.

E. W. RUTTER,  
Manager.

### THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

Authorized Capital £1,000,000  
Subscribed Capital £500,000

HEAD OFFICE: HONGKONG.

#### Court of Directors:

D. Gillies, Esq.,  
Chan Kit Shan, Esq.,  
C. J. Hirst, Esq.,  
Kwan Hoi Chuen, Esq.,  
Chief Manager,  
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

#### ADVISORY COMMITTEE IN LONDON:

THOMAS CARMICHAEL, Esq.—Messrs. Dent,  
Palmer & Co.  
JOHN BUTTERY, Esq.—Messrs. John Buttery &  
Co.  
C. B. STUART-WORTLEY, Esq., M.P., for Hallam.  
GEO. MUNRO, Manager.

#### Bankers:

London: The Alliance Bank (Ld.)  
Scotland: The Commercial Bank of Scotland.

## SHANGHAI.

#### ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

Hu Ex. Hui Fui Yuen, Esq.,  
Ma Kie Tching, Esq.,  
Tong Kwei Sung, Esq.,  
C. J. GALLOWAY, Manager.  
Amoy—J. ANDERSON, Manager.  
Yokohama—D. FRASER, Manager.

CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened. Money  
received on Deposit. Drafts issued. Bills  
purchased and collected. Advances made on  
Securities or goods in neutral Godowns. Usual  
Bank Agency business transacted.  
Interest for 12 months Fixed, 5 per Cent.

CURRENT ACCOUNTS.  
For Rates of Interest for other periods apply  
to the Manager.  
Hongkong, 17th February, 1892.

## Insurance.

#### THREE IMPORTANT FACTS

STANDARD LIFE OFFICE.  
1.—HALF A MILLION STERLING per  
annum is being paid in Death claims  
year by year.  
2.—THE FUNDS IN HAND amount to up-  
wards of Seven Million pounds Sterling  
and have increased 50 per cent. in the  
last 15 years.  
3.—THE LIVES who die are annually replaced  
by more than double the number of new  
carefully selected lives.  
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,  
Agents, Hongkong.

#### NOTICE.

### THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED £1,000,000

The above Company is prepared to accept  
MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on GOODS,  
&c. Policies granted to all parts of the world  
payable at any of the Agencies.

#### WOO LIN YUEN, Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE:  
No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST,  
Hongkong, 1st February, 1892.

#### GENERAL NOTICE.

### THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED).

CAPITAL, TAELS 600,000 } \$235,535.35  
EQUAL TO }  
RESERVE FUND } \$318,000.00

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:  
LEE SING, Esq., LO YUEN MOON, Esq.,  
LOU TAO SHUN, Esq.

#### MANAGER—HO AMEL.

MARINE RISKS ON GOODS, &c. taken  
at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the  
world.

HEAD OFFICE: 8 & 10, PRINCE STREET,  
Hongkong, 17th December, 1891.

### THE SUN LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF CANADA.

ASSETS OVER \$3,000,000.00

Policies absolutely non-forfeitable.  
No restrictions as to Residence or Travelling.  
Rates of premium low.

Policies issued on all approved Forms.  
For further particulars apply to  
DOUGLAS LAURA & Co.,  
Agents for Hongkong.

23rd February, 1892.

## Intimations.

### GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

INFORMATION has been received from the  
Military Authorities that ARTILLERY  
PRACTICE will take place from the 21st to  
31st instant, between the hours of 9 a.m. and  
5 p.m., from Stone Cutters' Island in Western  
and South-Western directions, Belcher's Point  
in Northern and Western directions, and Ly-  
man in North-Easterly, Easterly and South-  
Easterly directions.  
All Ships, Junks and other vessels are cau-  
tioned to keep clear of the ranges.  
All people working in the vicinity of Belcher's  
Battery are warned to keep clear of that part  
which will be indicated by gunners placed on  
entry for the purpose, and the inhabitants of  
the houses below the Battery are also warned  
to keep their glass windows open during the  
practice.  
By Command,  
G. T. M. O'BRIEN,  
Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Hongkong, 18th March, 1892.

### THE GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-  
ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the  
GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED,  
will be held on MONDAY, the 28th March, 1892,  
at 12 Noon, when the following Resolution,  
which was passed at the Extraordinary General  
Meeting of the Company held on the 12th March,  
1892, will be submitted for confirmation as a  
Special Resolution:—  
"That the following Article shall be inserted  
in the Articles of Association of the Com-  
pany after Article 21, and shall be No. 21A.  
21A.—The Company may from time to  
time by special Resolution reduce its Capital  
by paying off Capital or cancelling Capital  
which has been lost or is unrepresented by  
available assets, or reducing the liability on  
the shares or otherwise, as may seem exped-  
ient, and Capital may be paid off upon the  
footing that it may be called up again or  
otherwise."  
Dated the 12th March, 1892.  
ARNHOLD KARBERG & Co.,  
General Managers.

### THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Ninth Ordinary General MEETING  
of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at  
the Company's Office, Praya Central, on MON-  
DAY, the 21st March, at 3.30 o'clock in the  
afternoon, for the purpose of receiving the  
Report of the General Managers, and electing a  
Committee and Auditors.  
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company  
will be CLOSED from the 6th to 21st instant,  
both days inclusive.

SHEWAN & Co.,  
General Managers,  
Hongkong, 1st March, 1892.

#### NOTICE.

IMMEDIATELY after the above Meeting a  
MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held  
to consider the question of the forfeiture of  
certain Shares in the Company at present stand-  
ing in the name of the late General Managers.

SHEWAN & Co.,  
General Managers,  
Hongkong, 6th March, 1892.

#### NOTICE.

### HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of  
the Members of the HONGKONG  
GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
will be held on FRIDAY, the 25th March, at  
4.30 P.M., at the Rooms of the Chamber, CITY  
HALL, for the purpose of receiving the Report  
of the Committee and passing the Secretary's  
Accounts for the year ending 31st December,  
1891; also to take into consideration certain  
proposed measures regarding the Import and  
Export Statistics of the Trade of the Colony.

F. HENDERSON,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, 16th March, 1892.

#### MISS STOLZ.

### MANICURE, CHIROPODIST

AND  
MASSAGE.  
No. 8, COLLEGE CHAMBERS,  
Wynning Street,  
Hongkong, 6th February, 1892.

#### NOTICE.

THE UNDERSIGNED, having removed his  
residence to No. 90, WELLINGTON STREET,  
all CLAIMS against him personally, or against  
the CHEANG TEK KONGSEE (the late  
OPUM FARM), as well as all papers and  
correspondence, should be sent to the above  
address.

KOH CHENG SEAN.  
Hongkong, 29th February, 1892.

### CHS. J. GAUPP & CO.

CHRONOMETER, WATCH, AND CLOCK  
MAKERS, JEWELLERS, SILVER-  
SMITHS, and OPTICIANS.  
Charts and BOOKS.

NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS.  
Sole Agents for "Louis Audemars" Watches  
awarded the highest Prize at every Exhibition.  
and for "Vodolga" and "Solov" Watches.

CELEBRATED OPERA GLASSES,  
MARINE GLASSES, and SPYGLASSES.  
No. 2, Queen's Road, Central.

### SOUTH BRITISH FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW ZEALAND.

THE Undersigned are prepared to accept  
FIRE and MARINE INSURANCES on  
favourable terms.  
Current rates and a guaranteed Bonus equal  
to that paid by local Offices.

GEO. STEVENS & Co.,  
Agents.  
No. 2, Queen's Road, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 31st March, 1891.

## Intimations.

### KELLY & WALSH, LD.

HAVE JUST LANDED IN SPENDID CONDITION:—

CIGARETTES. TOBACCO.  
"THREE CASTLE" CIGARETTES in WILLS' "THREE CASTLE"  
patent air-light tips of 50 TOBACCO..... 1 lb. tin.  
SWEET CAPORAL CIGARETTES. CAPSTAN NAVY CUT TOBACCO  
KINNEY'S WILLS' BRISTOL BIRD'S EYE  
STRAIGHT CUT CIGARETTES. PIONEER BRAND  
WILLS' "FIRE FLY" CIGARETTES. COPE'S GOLDEN CLOUD  
RICHMOND MIXTURE

And our own special well-known brands.  
HAPPY THOUGHT..... DOLLAR BRAND.  
STAR MIXTURE..... GOLDEN EAGLE.  
All our TOBACCOES and CIGARETTES are guaranteed absolutely fresh and will be  
exchanged if found otherwise.

KELLY & WALSH, LIMITED,  
QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, HONGKONG.

Hongkong, 18th March, 1892.

### W. POWELL & CO.

NEWEST SHAPES IN  
GENTLEMEN'S  
FELT AND STRAW HATS.  
TIES, SCARVES, COLLARS, SHIRTS, VESTS, SOCKS, DRAWERS, &c., &c.

W. POWELL & CO.

Hongkong, 19th March, 1892.

### THE HONGKONG HOTEL.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS,  
"Kremlin"—A. B. C. Code.

TELEPHONE,  
No. 32.

PROPRIETORS.....THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL.—the most commodious and best appointed Hotel in the Far East,  
affords unequalled accommodation to travellers and others. It is situated in the centre of  
the town, opposite the General Post Office and the Hongkong Club, adjacent to Pedder's Wharf  
(the principal landing stage of the Colony), and in close proximity to the Banks and Shipping  
Offices.

The HOTEL STEAM LAUNCH conveys passengers and baggage to and from all Mail  
Steamers.

THE TABLE D'HOTE, at separate tables, is supplied with every delicacy, the cuisine being  
under experienced supervision.

THE BED-ROOMS, with adjoining Bath-rooms, are lofty and well ventilated,  
open out to spacious Verandahs, are lighted by gas and fitted throughout with electric  
communications.

The Reading, Writing and Smoking Rooms, Ladies' Drawing Rooms, the new,  
Bar and public BILLIARD ROOMS (Six English and American Tables) are fitted  
with every convenience.

A handsomely appointed GRILL ROOM, where chops, steaks, &c., are served at any hour  
adjoins the HOTEL, and is under the same Management.

THE WINES AND SPIRITS are selected by an Expert and the BEST BRANDS only are  
supplied.

HYDRAULIC ASCENDING-ROOMS of the latest and most approved type convey  
passengers and baggage from the Entrance Hall to each of the five floors above.

NIGHT PORTERS and WATCHMEN are continually on duty.

R. TUCKER,  
Manager.

Hongkong, 21st February, 1892.

### LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

FOR SALE.

HOUSE LAMPS, STREET LAMPS,  
VERANDAH LAMPS, SHIPS' LAMPS,  
CHANDLERS' 3, 4 or 5-1/2 Light  
Single and Double BRACKET LAMPS,  
TABLE LAMPS, READING LAMPS, BEDROOM & NURSERY LAMPS,  
WINDPROOF LAMPS, SAFETY LAMPS,  
SPECIAL CARGO LAMPS,  
SHIPS' SALOON, CABIN, ENGINE ROOM, and LILKHEAD LAMPS,  
CHAIR LAMPS, CARRIAGE and JINRIKSHA LAMPS, HAND LAMPS and LANTERNS,  
GLOBES, CHIMNEYS, WICKS, SPARE BURNERS, FOUNTS, &c.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, 27th February, 1892.

### CARMICHAEL & CO., LD.

WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS—TOBACCO AND CIGAR IMPORTERS.

AERATED WATER MANUFACTURERS.

SHIP CHANDLERS AND GENERAL STOREKEEPERS.

GENTLEMEN'S OUTFITTING: select but inexpensive variety.  
SPORTING GUNS, RIFLES, REVOLVERS and AMMUNITION.  
POORHOUSE-DEAR, TAN RUSSIA-LEATHER and ENGLISH-CALF BOOTS & SHOES.  
SCIENTIFIC BOOKS, NAUTICAL, ELECTRICAL and ENGINEERING.  
SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS, HAND-TOOLS and DRAWING-INSTRUMENTS.

CARMICHAEL & CO., LTD.

Hongkong, 14th January, 1892.

### CRUICKSHANK & CO., LD.

FAMILY AND DISPENSING CHEMISTS,  
AND  
Commission Agents.

WHAT WILL YOU TAKE?  
As an excellent Table Water?  
For General Debility?  
For Dyspepsia?  
For Gout?  
For Rheumatism?

For a Nerve Tonic?  
For Biliousness after  
Excesses in Eating or Drinking?  
With Glycerine?  
With Citrus?  
With Wine?

Takuradaka Natural Mineral Water, Bottled at Takuradaka near Kobe, Japan.  
Highly recommended by the Medical Faculty throughout the East. Testimonials can be  
seen on application.  
CRUICKSHANK & Co., LD., Agents for Hongkong.

Hongkong, 26th February, 1892.

## Intimations.

### HONGKONG SCHOOLS' ATHLETIC SPORTS.

BY kind permission of the STWARDS of the  
JOCKEY CLUB, the ANNUAL MEETING  
of the above will take place on the Race Course,  
March 23rd. Commencing at 1.30 P.M.  
ED. JNO. BOARDS,  
Hon. Sec.  
Hongkong, 18th March, 1892.

### MOUTRIE, ROBINSON & Co.

HONGKONG,  
(London, Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama).

HAVING fitted more extensive Workshops  
with every appliance suitable to our business we  
are now able to ensure the prompt return of any  
PIANOS or ORGANS entrusted to us for  
REPAIRS OR REBUILDING.

We guarantee all our work to be equal to that  
done in England.

ESTIMATES FREE.

MOUTRIE, ROBINSON & Co.

(UNDER HONGKONG HOTEL).

THE "MANDARIN" RAZOR.

FOR a most comfortable, remarkably easy,  
luxurious and delightful shave, use  
ARBEZ'S celebrated Mandarins Razors, with  
interchangeable blades, fully warranted. They  
are the best, most reliable, easiest and cheapest  
high class Razors known. Thousands of unsol-  
dited testimonials! Can be had direct from  
the maker, A. ARBEZ, BIRMINGHAM, intro-  
ducer of the original and only genuine "Gem  
Air Gun" or from DAKIN BROS. OF CHINA,  
LTD., Chemists and Druggists, Queen's Road,  
opposite Hongkong Hotel.

### WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH, HONGKONG.

DIVINE SERVICE,  
EVERY SUNDAY MORNING,  
At 10.30.

ST. ANDREW'S HALL,  
Hongkong, 16th January, 1892.

### NOTICE.

JAY'S SANITARY COMPOUNDS  
COMPANY, LIMITED.

JAY'S WOOD PRESERVER OR  
ANTISEPTIC PAINT.

THE Undersigned have this day been  
appointed SOLE AGENTS for the sale  
of these PERFECT DISINFECTANTS, and  
are prepared to supply quantities to suit  
purchasers, at Wholesale Prices. Extra Special  
terms for Shipping and large Orders.  
SIR ROBERT RAWLINSON, G.B., C.E., Chief  
Sanitary Engineer, Local Government Board  
London, says:  
"It is the best Disinfectant in use."  
W. G. HUMPHREYS & Co.,  
Bank Buildings,  
Hongkong, 19th June, 1888.

### Hotels.

### THE SHAMEN HOTEL.

BRITISH CONCESSION, CANTON.

THIS FIRST CLASS HOTEL, admirably  
situated within a few minutes walk of the  
"River Steamer Wharves," is now open to receive  
Visitors.

The Bed-rooms are cool, airy and comfortably  
furnished, and the spacious Dining Room, Sitting  
Room, and accommodation generally will be  
found equal to the best Hotels in the Far East.

The Table D'HOTE is supplied with every  
luxury in season, and the cuisine is in experi-  
enced hands.

Wines, Spirits, Malt Liquors, etc., of the best  
quality only.

A WELL APPOINTED BILLIARD-ROOM.

A. F. DO ROZARIO,  
Manager.

Hongkong, 1st September, 1891.

### Notices of Firms.

#### NOTICE.

MR. EDMUND THOMAS BOND was  
admitted a Partner in our Firm on the  
1st January, 1892.

DEACON & CO.

#### NOTICE.

WE have this day authorized MR. CARL  
WILHELM LONGUET to sign our  
Firm per procuration.

KRUSE & Co.  
Hongkong, 1st March, 1892.

#### NOTICE.

THE style of the Firm of POATE & NOBLE,  
DENTAL SURGEONS, has been changed to  
"Dr. J. W. NOBLE" and will be represented as  
under:—

JOSEPH W. NOBLE, Hongkong  
HERBERT D. NOBLE, Singapore  
CHAS. L. SNYDER, 31, Brook Street,  
Grosvener Square, London, W.

HERBERT POATE, Hongkong, 17th February, 1892.

## Shipping.

### STEAMERS.

"MOGUL" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

THE Steamship  
"THORNDALE,"  
Captain Etherington, will be despatched as  
above on or about FRIDAY, the 25th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,  
Agents,  
Hongkong, 18th March, 1892.

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR SINGAPORE, HAVRE-LONDON,  
HAMBURG AND ANTWERP.

THE Steamship  
"CARMARTHENSHIRE,"  
Captain Clark, will be despatched as above on  
about MONDAY, the 17th April.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,  
Agents,  
Hongkong, 18th March, 1892.

### Consignees.

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. "DENBIGHSHIRE,"  
FROM NEW YORK AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed  
that all Goods are being landed at their  
risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong & Kow-  
loon Wharf and Godown Company, at Kowloon,  
whence and/or from the wharves delivery may  
be obtained.

Optional cargo will be forwarded unless  
notice to the contrary be given before Noon,  
TO-DAY.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods  
have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining  
undelivered after the 25th inst. will be subject  
to rent.

All claims against the Steamer must be  
presented to the Undersigned on or before the  
25th inst., or they will not be recognised.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are  
to be left in the Godowns, where they will be  
examined on the 25th inst., at 3 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by  
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, 18th March, 1892.

### PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of CARGO per Steamship  
"CHINA"

The above Steamer having arrived, Consignees  
of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their  
Bills of Lading for Counter-signature, and to take  
immediate delivery of their Goods from along-  
side.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel  
will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk  
and expense.

J. S. VAN BUREN,  
Agent.

Hongkong, 14th March, 1892.

### "MOGUL" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. "MACDUFF,"  
FROM GLASGOW, LIVERPOOL  
AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed  
that all Goods are being landed at their  
risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong & Kow-  
loon Wharf and Godown Company, at Kowloon,  
whence and/or from the wharves delivery may  
be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless  
notice to the contrary be given before 2 p.m.  
TO-DAY.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods  
have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining  
undelivered after the 22nd inst. will be subject  
to rent.

All claims against the Steamer must be pre-  
sented to the Undersigned on or before the 22nd  
inst., or they will not be recognised.

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DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,  
Agents.



## Intimations.

DAKIN BROS. OF CHINA,  
LIMITED,  
CHEMISTS, &c.

EUCALYPTUS OIL AND  
INFLUENZA.

"Of all the preventives, OIL OF EUCALYPTUS, either disguised under fancy names or in its pure state, has earned the most professional and lay support, and up to the present it certainly seems to have vindicated the claims put forward in its behalf."—*Chemist and Druggist*, Feb. 6th, 1892.

DAKINS' STANDARD  
BRAND OF EUCALYPTUS  
OIL.

Bottles, 50 cts. and \$1.00

Nos. 22 &amp; 24, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

A. S. WATSON &amp; CO., LD.

## WINES AND SPIRITS.

WE invite attention to the following Brands, all of which are excellent quality and good value for the money.

The same being specially selected by our London House, and bought direct from the most noted Shippers, are imported in wood and bottled by ourselves, thus enabling us to supply the best goods at moderate prices.

In ordering, it is only necessary to state the name and quantity of Wine or Spirit wanted, and initial letter for quality desired.

PORTS. (For Invalids and general use).

	Per Case.	Per Bot.
A. Alto Douro, good quality, Green Capsule	10	1.00
B. Vintage, superior quality, Red Capsule	12	1.10
C. Fine Old Vintage, superior quality, Black Seal Capsule	14	1.25
D. Very Fine Old Vintage, extra superior, Violet Capsule (Old Bottled)	18	1.50

## SHERRIES.

A. Delicate Pale Dry, dinner wine, Green Capsule	6	0.60
B. Superior Very Old Dry, dinner wine, Green Seal Capsule	7.50	0.75
C. Madeirilla, Pale Natural Sherry, White Capsule	10	1.00
C.C. Superior Old Dry, Pale Natural Sherry, Red Seal Capsule	10	1.10
D. Very Superior Old Dry, choice old Wine, White Seal Capsule	12	1.10
E. Extra Superior Old Pale Dry, very fine quality, Black Seal Capsule (Old Bottled)	14	1.25

## CLARETS.

A. Superior Breakfast Claret, Red Capsule	4	0.40
B. St. Estephe, Red, Cap. 4.50	5.00	
C. St. Julien, Red Capsule	7	0.70
D. La Rose, Red Capsule	11	1.00

MADEIRA, HOCK AND CHAMPAGNES.  
FULL PARTICULARS OF THE VARIOUS BRANDS  
IN STOCK ON APPLICATION.

Per doz. Per Bot.

A. Hennessy's Old Pale, Red Capsule	13	1.20
B. Superior Very Old Cognac, Red Capsule	15	1.40
C. Very Old Liqueur Cognac, Red Capsule	20	1.75
D. Hennessy's Finest Very Old Liqueur Cognac, 1873 Vintage, Red Capsule	30	2.50

## SCOTCH WHISKY.

A. Thorne's Blend, White Capsule	8	0.75
B. Watson's Glenorchy, Mellow Blend, Blue Capsule with Name and Trade Mark	8	0.75
C. Watson's Glenorchy, Mellow Blend, Blue Capsule with Name and Trade Mark	8	0.75
D. Watson's H. K. D. Blend of the Finest Scotch Malt Whiskies, Violet Capsule	10	1.00
E. Watson's Very Old Liqueur Scotch Whisky, Gold Capsule	12	1.20

## IRISH WHISKY.

A. John Jameson's Old, Green Capsule	8	0.75
B. John Jameson's Fine Old, Green Capsule	10	1.00
C. John Jameson's Very Fine Old, Green Capsule	12	1.10
D. Genuine Bourbon Whisky, fine old, Red Capsule, with Name	10	1.00

## GIN.

A. Fine Old Tom, White Capsule	4.50	0.40
B. Fine Unsweetened, White Capsule	4.50	0.40
C. Fine A. V. H. Geneva	5.25	0.50

## RUM.

Finest Old Jamaica, Violet Capsule	12	1.00
Good Edward Island, \$1.50 per Gallon		

## LIQUEURS.

Benedictine Maraschino		
Curacao		
Heering's Cherry Cordial		
Chateau Dr. Siegen's Angostura		
Bitters, &c.		

PRICES ON APPLICATION.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.  
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY,  
ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841,  
HONGKONG, 4th February, 1892.

## NOTICES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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Letters on Editorial matters to be sent to "The Editor" and not to individual members of the staff.

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## DEATHS.

At Kinkiang, on the 10th March, 1892, GISELLA, the beloved wife of S. Rosenbaum.  
At Shanghai, on the 13th March, 1892, ROBERT ERNEST WAINWRIGHT, in his 56th year.

## The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 1892.

## THE NEW SHIPPING ORDINANCE.

At the meeting of the so-called private

launch-owners, held at the P. & O. Co.'s office yesterday, was private, how does it

appear that the *Daily Press* of this morning

is enabled to publish not only the practical

results of said meeting, but is apparently

authorised to actually give the names of

the gentlemen elected to form a deputation

to his Excellency the Governor? This

looks very much like a direct and

deliberate snub to the other local papers,

for the special benefit of the contemptible

toadyism which has for so long been our

feeble morning contemporary's principal

characteristic. But we have not the remotest

intention of allowing to go unchallenged

any private meeting of unauthorised

persons, who claim special rights and

privileges on grounds which are worse

than ridiculous, and to arrogate exclusive

exemption from the provisions of a law that

has been duly passed and sanctioned,—

exemptions which, if they exist at all, exist

for the entire community. Why this should

have been a private meeting is perhaps

best explained by our mentioning the

interesting fact that the eminent amateur

commercial jurist, Mr. EDWIN MACKINTOSH,

local boss of BUTTERFIELD and SWIRE,

and Chairman of the Hongkong Chamber

of Commerce, occupied the chair, and to

all intents and purposes, played leading

role in the childish farce that was enacted

for the benefit of—(?). Notwithstanding

that this gathering of launch-owners was

described as a private meeting, the

*Daily Press* states without reservation that

the following resolution was adopted:—

"That a deputation be appointed, consisting

of six members, to wait on his Excellency the

Governor and request his good offices in pro-

jecting the repeal of sub-sections 9 to 23 of

section 7 and a revision of clause relating to

carriage boats of the *Merchant Shipping Con-*

*solidation Ordinance, 1881, as they affect*

private owners, bringing to his notice the

reasons which in the opinion of the owners of

private launches and cargo-boats cause this

step to be of the utmost importance to their interests."

Possibly there may be some persons in

Hongkong—Mr. EDWIN MACKINTOSH, for

instance—who will understand the meaning

of this awful resolution; but not being

shipping scientists and original gram-

matical reformers, we are bound humbly

to confess our inability to comprehend

what the aggregated talent comprising

the self-constituted private launch-owners of

the colony intended to convey by such a

travesty on commonsense and on the

English language.

The *Daily Press*, as above indicated,

gives the names of six representatives,

who were appointed at this extraordinary

private meeting as a deputation to wait

upon his Excellency the Governor in the

interests of the private launch-owners of

the colony. We smile—and no wonder.

Not one of these six gentlemen has any-

thing whatever to do with private launches;

they are all, with a single exception,

well-known representatives of prominent

public companies in the colony, whose

launches are trading factors just as much as

are the launches of the Steam Launch Co.,

Mr. D. NOWATZKY, and the Chinese, which

regularly ply for hire; and that one

exception is a Marine Surveyor who

uses his launch, not for private amusement,

but for the purposes of his business.

A private launch, properly speaking, is

a craft specially kept for objects of

pleasure and amusement, and in our

opinion such vessels should be exempted

from the somewhat troublesome provisions

of the new *Shipping Ordinance*; but to

claim that the launches of the Hongkong

Dispensary, the Dock Company, Lloyd's

Surveyor, the P. & O. S. N. Co., the

Scottish Oriental Co., and the launches

and cargo-boats of BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,

craft that are regularly employed in the

ordinary trade of the port, are private

launches, is a direct insult to the intelligence

both of the Government and the Hongkong

public. And we trust that the Governor

Sir WILLIAM ROBINSON will have the

courage of his convictions to tell the

deputation of this extraordinary private

meeting, that their short-sighted attempt

to obtain for themselves a measure of class

legislation that would be a standing dis-

grace to the colony, cannot for one

moment be seriously entertained. If the

sections in the *Shipping Ordinance* com-

plained of are a slight grievance to launch-

owners, and their existence is detrimental

to the interests of general trade, then let

them be repealed without delay; but in

Hongkong we cannot at this time of day have a one-sided law for the express benefit of the Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce and Messrs. BUTTERFIELD and SWIRE, and to the detriment of the foreign and Chinese owners of launches who do so much for the public convenience. The Governor should decline to receive any deputation elected at a private meeting; such deputation has no actual *locus standi*; and represents—If it represents anything or anybody—merely the perhaps not unnatural selfish interests of the few, as against the rights of the entire community. But if his Excellency should, through a desire to be ultra-courteous, which would be an injurious precedent to establish, decide to receive these gentlemen in audience, we take the liberty of recommending that he should politely request them to forward their complaints, whatever their merits may be, through the proper channel, the unofficial members of the Legislative Council.

## TELEGRAMS.

## LARGE BANK FAILURE IN ST. PETERSBURG.

LONDON, March 16th.

Great dismay is stated to have been created in St. Petersburg by the reported failure of the well-known banker Gunaberg, with liabilities estimated at six millions of roubles.

Berlin is also said to be seriously affected by this failure.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

CAPT. BERWICK, of the *Torrington*, is not yet going home, as reported.

We are informed by the agents of the Austrian Lloyd's S. N. Co. that the Company's steamer *Reverie* left Shanghai yesterday afternoon for this port.

Macdonald.—"Phew did yez change the snellin' av yer name since yez came to America?"

McDonnell.—"Sure, Ol' didn't want to be confounded wld de Mick."

In Great Britain the total sum paid in wages for the year 1891 amounted to £48,000, or an average of £66 10s per capita for the total number employed.

This afternoon at a sale of property in the Park district, by Mr. Rapp, houses 1 to 11, Mount View were sold for \$40,500, the purchasers being the Humphreys Estate Co., Mr. A. J. May, Mr. Sharp, and Mr. W. H. Potts.

A BILL which has been introduced at Albany provides for the punishment of any man who goes up in a balloon and doesn't manage to get in it. This is aimed at the "practical" degen-

erats, who anybody can fool the law by getting himself killed.

A REGULAR Convocation of St. Andrew's Chapter, No. 218, S.C., will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zealand Street, on Wednesday, the 23rd instant, at 8 for 8.30 p.m. precisely. Visiting brethren are cordially invited.

"Do you believe in marrying for love?" said Mrs. Bleeker of New York to M. S. Drestch of Chicago.

"Oh, yes, once in a while," replied the lady from Chicago.

THE great obstacle to any dress-reform, says *Woman* is that "not more than one English woman out of ten has a face and ankle that will bear exposure." In other words, the female with the best-top extremely blocks the way.

ST. PETER'S SEAMEN'S CHURCH.—The Mission *St. Peter's Day Spring* will call alongside vessels hoisting code pennant C. between 9 and 10.30 a.m. on Sunday, to convey men ashore to the 11 o'clock service, returning about 12.30 p.m.

A CALCUTTA telegram dated the 29th ult. says:—"The Viceroy's party's total bag of six days sport at Crook Behar is one bear, three rhinoceros, two leopards, two tigers, one buffalo, eleven deer, two boars and a large quantity of smaller game."

"I WONDER how you can reconcile your conscience to making so many jokes in your pulpit?" said a grave old parson to Mr. Spurgeon once upon a time. "Well, y' wou'dn't if you knew how many I kept to myself," replied the popular preacher.

Mrs. Jinx.—You know that handsome Mr. Jones?

Mr. Wix.—Yes.

Mrs. Jinx.—Just found out my husband was making up to Mrs. Jones.

Mr. Wix.—You must make up to the husband and call it square!

THE China-Merchant's steamer *Kiangnan*, which has been running in opposition to the Chinese Navigation Co.'s boat *Hongkong* on the Canton river for months past, arrived here this afternoon, and in accordance with the new arrangements made between the China Merchant's, Jardine, Matheson & Co., and Butterfield & Swire, will shortly leave for Shanghai. Another opposition on the Canton river can only be a question of time.

"LUZON Shareholder."—We decline to publish your letter, which, however, we must admit has a lot to justify it. But as we are not aware of having been honored with your patronage, unless when it was for the purpose of serving your own ends at our risk and expense we recommend you to invoke the powerful aid of the *Daily Press* or *China Mail* to ventilate your grievance if they will be so complacent, which we greatly doubt. The Luzon Sugar Refinery has from its commencement been a well-kept secret, and has so often been described by "the press" as a money-laundering machine, and if you have lost money in blindly relying on the "unimpaired commercial reputation of Jardine, Matheson & Co."—why, that is your look-out.

On the 16th two Chinamen entered the house of a Portuguese gentleman on the hill, and carried off some \$10 worth of clothing, jewelry, &c., belonging to the *amah*. The goods were missed next morning, and to-day one of the men was caught in the same house, and on being brought before Mr. Wise was sentenced to six months' imprisonment for "entering with intent to commit a felony." Meanwhile Inspector Quinlan had traced the stolen property, and the *amah* was brought up again charged with the theft. He was sentenced to 12 months' hard labour, to run concurrently with his former sentence; while his accomplice was found guilty of receiving stolen property, and sent to gaol for a month.

THE new French census shows twelve cities to have a population of over one hundred thousand, Paris being the largest with 2,447,957, and Lyons second with 416,020.

MR. P. KEMPERMANN, Minister Resident, for Germany at the Court of the King of Siam, left Hongkong for Europe on the 31st instant. Mr. Luger is now in charge of German interests in Siam.

OPPOSITION to the Keeley bi-chloride of gold cure is developing strength in the Eastern States. It is charged that the cure is a fraud, that a number of deaths have resulted from its application, and in no case has a permanent cure of a drunkard been effected.

A BOY of 17 years was convicted at the Police Court today on a charge of "earring snatching." As he had been previously convicted, and was an "incorrigible," he was sent to prison for four months, with a "round dozen" at the triangles both before and after his term.

LAWYERS, says the *N. Y. Maritime Register*, formerly 90 per cent. of the members of the present Congress. What they don't know about shipping matters would fill a book. But they will legislate for shipping interests with a confidence born of ignorance and the complacency of their class.

"NAUTICUS" writes asking why he never sees a Water Police patrol boat near vessels lying out in the harbour, while lots of them hug the wharves and the shore. "Nauticus" has a grievance in this connection, he can't do better than communicate with the Harbour-master at once.

AN Australian writer finds fault with the girls of Victoria for their love of "slang." "Take the case of 'Vark the bun,'" he writes. "They say, 'Vark the bun.'" It is even said that when a gentleman asked one of these ladies if she would be his wife, she replied, "You bet your life I will!"

SIR JOHN GORSIE recently said that the spread of education amongst the working-men will extend their Toryism. The irrepressible *Sydney Herald* man remarks that if Toryism filled the stomachs of the brain of anyone who worked for a living.

CHIEF Justice Russell in summing up in an assault and robbery case yesterday: "It could have been very ingenious to bring out in the eyes of the jury by bringing forward a charge of conspiracy. Has it at last dawned upon his lordship's powerful intellect that this little 'game' has been successfully tried on in this colony before?"

HOTEL Clerk (suspiciously).—"Your bundle has come apart. May I ask what that queer thing is?" Guest.—"It's a new patent fire-escape. I always carry it, so that in case of fire I can get myself down from the hotel window, see?" Clerk (thoughtfully).—"I see. Our terms for guests with fire-escapes, sir, are invariably cash in advance."

MR. SLADE MURRAY, the well known London Music Hall singer, supported by an average company of *artistes*, opened a short season at the Singapore Theatre Hall on the 12th inst. Mr. Murray very wisely decided not to risk a visit to China, and according to latest advice, it was his intention to go on to Australia. The company has been travelling through India.

Mrs. O'Rourke.—I wish yez wud give me an order for some medicine, your Riverence, for little Jimmy, here. He's been ailing for two weeks.



has been most successful in curing many old established cases of chronic rheumatism. He has also shown great skill in extracting teeth, which he has done gratuitously. In recognition of his services to the poor of Macao, a subscription was started by Mr. J. M. de Almeida, and other leading citizens, which resulted in a handsome gold medal, suitably inscribed, and an illuminated scroll being publicly presented to Sequah this afternoon. To-morrow night Sequah, with the assistance of some of the local amateurs, will give a variety entertainment, including leg-er-main, jugglery, Indian club swinging, and some musical selections, at the Dom Pedro Theatre, for the benefit of the Macao Civil Hospital.

#### BRITISH SHIPPING INTERESTS IN THE FAR EAST.

What with the enterprise of the Japs, the nomenclature of the Americans, the lethargy of the Briton, and the patience and shrewdness of the Teuton, the shipping affairs of the Far East are becoming mixed up considerably—being turned topsy-turvy in fact. There are many living in this colony who recollect the time when the American flag waved majestically over a fine fleet of merchant-men engaged in the China trade. Where are they to-day? They have disappeared from the Eastern seas. Not all of them. A few have gone down to the bottom of the deep blue sea, while others are fully engaged in the trade but under another flag—the dragon has swallowed the roving eagle; the stars and stripes are rarely to be seen. Not at all, in fact, unless it be over the stern of a stray barque, or full-rigged ship which, laden with kerosene oil, has come round the Cape "sailing." Even the American malle are carried mostly in English steamships. Yes, the American flag practically disappeared from these seas years ago, and in its place the British and Chinese flags are seen in all the ports and rivers of the "Flowery Kingdom." British tonnage increased rapidly for many years, while the trade in German and Japanese bottoms was insignificant in the extreme. But the English shipowner seems to have jumped to the conclusion that, once having established his reputation in the Far East, nothing in the world could dislodge him, much less drive him out of the coast. He knew not what a day might bring forth, or how sorely he might be tried. He was doomed to disappointment. First the energetic Japanese launched out as shipowners and gradually drove the British flag out of their ports, numerous chartered steamers under the British flag being replaced by Japanese-owned steamers and sailing ships. Then the Germans and Scandinavians, seeing how easily the Japanese had "beaten" the Briton, set to work in their vessels, and backed by subsidies of various kinds and by the study of economy more rigid than that of any of their competitors, they have succeeded in ousting dozens of British coasting steamers and "traders" that a few years ago found favour with Chinese charterers in all parts of the Orient. And to-day we find the waters of Hongkong constantly frequented by German, Norwegian, and Danish steamers under charter to Chinese firms. They run hence to North China ports, to Peking, Hallow, Hiphong, the Straits and Borneo, carrying full cargoes and innumerable native passengers. The secret of their success no doubt lies in the fact that they have undercut the British vessels in the matter of cost of running.

Some months ago three British steamers—the *Anandale*, *Edendale*, and *Riverdale*—were running regularly in the Far East under charter, but the *Edendale* was the last of them. The *Anandale*, sailed for the old country, her charter having expired, and those who employed her and her sister-ships found it more profitable to charter German vessels. First one was done away with, then another, and now the last of the Mohicans has gone—driven away from a British port by the competition of foreign vessels. Lots of other instances of the success of the Teuton and the defeat of Britons might be quoted, but it is unnecessary to quote a multitude of examples, for those who are now only too well aware of the fact that the trouble has arisen. A glance at the shipping returns of this colony should suffice to convince the most sceptical of the truth of every word here stated, and although not given to forecasting the future we have no hesitation in saying that unless British shipowners set about putting their houses in order, to use a familiar metaphor, and see to it that fair shipping laws, especially with regard to loading, three officers' watches, and certificates of competency, are applied to foreign vessels trading to and from British colonial waters, there are very bad times in store for the owners of English ships. The fact is, indeed, patent that British shipowners have been very heavily handicapped of late years in contending against foreign competition under very disadvantageous circumstances, and that the difficulty still exists and that too in a daily increasing intensified form.

#### THE LATEST THING IN NAVAL ARCHITECTURE.

For some years past our American cousins have been showing English yachtsmen not only how to sail yachts but how to improve their construction, as well as to get out of them maximum speed and performance of tonnage. Alas! the Americans have accomplished a good deal in this line, but not contented with past triumphs, such as the ever memorable victory of the *Volunteer* over the flying Scotch yacht *Thetis*, they are now about to launch a yacht that they say will eclipse everything that has ever been floated. This craft is built on a new model, and as she now lies on the stocks, her appearance is quite a revelation in modern naval architecture.

When the Herreshoff Manufacturing Co. built the yacht *Gloriana* last year she created a sensation in yachting circles, as she was built upon entirely new lines and was predicted to be a failure. She proved to be the fastest sailing craft afloat and entirely exploded all ideas of models that had preceded her. It will be remembered that her model was very fine below the water line, thus advancing a new idea in yacht building, that the resistance was greater at this point than above. She carried some 2,000 lbs. of keel ballast, and was shaped like a letter V, and while her length at the water line was only 46 feet, she measured 75 feet over all.

Of a new yacht now under construction by the same firm, an American contemporary writes thus:—The new *Gloriana* building at the shop of the Herreshoff Mfg. Co., at Bristol, is for Mr. Archibald Rogers, the well known ex-commander of the *Sewanhaka* Corinthian Yacht Club, and owner of the cutter *Bridget*. She differs somewhat from the *Gloriana* of 1891, being a sort of compromise between the triangular keel and the fin keel. The fore edge of the keel keel drops quickly down from the bottom of the boat, being sharpened down to an edge. The amount of weight in the keel is said to be about 42,000 lbs., it being very wide at the bottom. The keel stem and stern posts are of oak; the frames are of steel, spaced 16 inches

apart; the deck beams are also of steel; the planking for four feet above the keel is of single thickness, 1½ inch Georgia pine; above the keel is double, an inner skin of 1½ inch white pine, an outer skin of 1½ inch; the sheer strake and plank sheer are of oak, single thickness. The yacht is now almost finished, and the jolting work will be similar to the old *Gloriana*. It is said the sail plan will have a somewhat greater area than the old boat. The new flyer will be skippered by Captain Chas. Barr, who formerly held the stick in the *Minerva* and *Sassa*, and last summer on the *Owens*. With so spirited an owner as Mr. Rogers, and so skilful a skipper as Barr, it may be put down as a fact that the new 46-footer will be sailed for all that is in her.

The Herreshoffs are also building for Mr. Morgan a 35-footer on the lines of the *Dilemma*, which is a boat somewhat like the old *Evolution*, whose lines are shown in *Yacht Architecture*. She has a canoe-shaped hull with nearly a flat floor, an extreme rocker to the keel, and an overhanging bow and stern. Her stability is secured by a steel plate bolted to the centre of the keel, and weighing 700 pounds, to the lower edge of which is attached a cylinder of steel, sharp at both ends and weighing almost 2 tons. The dimensions of this boat are: 35 ft. L. W. L.; 5 ft. O. A.; 8 ft. beam, and 8 ft. draught.

#### MANURING TEA GARDENS.

We should be glad to know that the letter addressed to us on the above subject last week received the attention it deserved. We quite agree with "Merchant" that some united action ought to be taken to try and persuade the Chinese to use manure. It is quite as much for their own interest as for ours. We cannot force them to do so, but we can advise them, and, at least, point out the benefit they would derive, if they would only follow our advice. Our own small individual efforts, like those of the firm holding a stock of manure, will be of no use; but Chinese prejudices in other ways have been overcome by the perseverance of Europeans, and we see no reason why this should not be mastered. The necessity for renovating the soil in which the tea is grown is becoming each year more apparent. Where are the thick-lipped, full, syrupy teas we used to get in the past? The plants that furnished them are still in existence, but they are starved. They have taken all the nourishment out of the soil, and there is nothing left for them to thrive on. "Merchant" makes the very pertinent remark that it is strange that a people whose farmers and market gardeners have long discovered and appreciated the beneficial results of the use of manure, should expect tea to flourish in soil that is impoverished. We can quite understand that natural manure could not be procured in the tea districts in sufficient quantity, and it is probable that the growers have never yet heard of chemical fertilizers or guano. No doubt, it was this latter consideration that prompted "Merchant" to suggest that they should be enlightened by a body of Europeans, whose words would carry weight, such as the Chamber of Commerce. "Merchant" does not propose that any coercion should be used, he merely suggests that the leading Hong Kong men should be invited to talk the matter over with us seriously. Let them know how the trade may yet be saved. If they decline to move in the matter, it cannot be helped; but we shall, at any rate, have the satisfaction of knowing that we have done something, instead of nothing, towards an endeavour to prevent the trade from dying a natural death.—*Foochow Echo*.

#### A JOURNEY TO THE WEST OF CHINA.

(From the *Shanghai Mercury*.)

At Kuei-fu the west-bound traveller leaves the gates and emerges into more open country. The river, as it rushes through these narrow channels is unquestionably very fine, and impressive. Gloom generally lends its aid to heighten the effect; yet as a rule, the gorges are too short for effective grandeur; one is just beginning to feel a sense of wonder and solemnity and is prepared to have it deepened to any extent, when a sudden turn opens out a new and wider reach ahead and the previous effect is spoiled. This is especially the case should there be a good wind blowing and the boat making better time than the trackers could do. The sense of wonder is too brief to leave a deep impression.

Leaving the "Wind box" gorge the most prominent feature is the cluster of mud bars partially enveloped in steam and smoke, which occupies a sandy beach about a mile from the city. This is the point where brine is obtained and evaporated for the salt it contains. At high water all this place is submerged, and as the Chinese have no way of preventing the brine from flowing into the fresh water around it, the whole is lost for a considerable portion of the year. The officials at the "likin" (Native customs) station were very courteous and caused no delay at all; in this they differ from the practice in by-gone days. After a brief delay to change the small boat and "swap" useless men, we got away most expeditiously. But the way, it is said, a sharp letter of reproof was received by the official in charge of the "likin" sometime since on the subject of delaying freight junks unnecessarily, so that may have improved matters. Between Kuei-fu and Tin Yang-shien are some very dangerous rapids at low water, where strangely enough, there is only the usual strong current at the high water period. One new thing to notice is the climate characteristic of Szechuan. Misty, gloomy days in which one scarcely sees the sun, clouds lying round on the mountain sides as if waiting to precipitate themselves in rain upon the already well watered fields. As a natural consequence every growing thing, from the bamboos waving on the slopes, to the vegetables that cover the fields as a carpet, is gleaming with a brilliant green. Snow lies upon the higher mountain-tops but apparently does not reach the valleys or rivers; here it comes down in rain.

A very common feature of this part of the river, are the little straw shanties, and the rude apparatus of the gold-washers. The men engaged in this occupation are all apparently, very poor, only scraping a bare subsistence from the sand and gravel in which they seek the precious metal. Where the shore is gravelly, the apparatus is a basket or sockers in which the gravel is washed, the fine sand in which are the particles of gold being caught on a screen beneath the basket, and afterwards collected and treated by the quick-silver method, thus separating the metal from the sand. Where there is only sand, a wooden tray is used for washing, and the gold collected from the fine, black sand left in the bottom of the tray, by the same method used in the other case. The washers informed us that the gold veins at two hundred cash per fan, and one man could earn two or three hundred cash a day at the work. There is little to attract attention between Wan-shien and Chungking, a journey of from twelve to fifteen days usually. The land is cultivated to the water's edge. As soon as the receding water leaves a little patch of sand long enough for it to dry, the farmer comes along with a hoe or plough and makes a place to put in the seed, such as wheat, peas, and turnips,

while in most places one may see at this season little clusters of the opium poppy gradually crowding out other things as becoming more plentiful after the frosty weather. What ultimate effect this home production of the drug may have upon the Indian trade, is still problematical, but one thing is sure, it is having a marked effect upon the people in this province. The article is cheap, is easily procured, and hence very widely used among all classes of society. It is one of the most saddening sights to be met with, the steady decadence of persons who use "the pipe" and gradually sink under its overwhelming influence. The habit begins insidiously, often in fun, because one asks another to "play awhile," and assures him no harm can come of "a pipe or two." So the "play" commences, which too often ends in misery, not seldom in tragedy. One hears sometimes of the great desire in official circles, to check the opium traffic. Such a sentiment does not seem to obtain in this part; often the "yamen" are the worst offenders in this, as in other malpractices. One I was in passing saw had a fine ordinary Chinese boat at the entrance door and every bed had its pipe and smoker, yet from that same "yamen" had just been issued a string of proclamation, against opium-smoking, while all the world knew perfectly well that the venerable sage who sent it out was himself addicted to the forbidden pipe. The most acceptable bribe to the officials is generally a bowl of opium. Being out at dinner with a rising young gentleman, who had aspirations to the official chair, I was surprised to see one of the literary lights in the place adjourn from the dinner table, lie down upon the divan, take his regulation dose, and then resume his eating. The pipe was offered to each of the guests in turn, as if it were a common custom. I have met several men who contracted the habit while yet in school, the example of the teacher being quoted as a sufficient reason for the practice. The shame that used to attach itself to a confirmed smoker is passing away because now, they say, eight tenths of the people smoke.

We arrived at Chungking without serious mishap and found a noisy mooring-place at the confluence of the two rivers, outside the Tancien gate. Chungking would probably be a pretty place if one could see it, but it appears to be wrapped in perennial fog, thus the grandeur of the situation are lost to the observer. Once inside the city one observes nothing but the interminable stairways and the horrible mud that bespatters one if one walks in the rain. The refuge of a sedan-chair does not afford the usual relief. In going down one sees a long stretch of muddy, slippery stone steps away beneath him, while holding on with precarious tenure lest one misstep the bearers should land him in some hideous puddle to the great amusement of all the spectators. In going up one struggles against the tendency to fall out at the back of the frail chair, while the everlasting noise imparts a sensation, as of impatient excitement, that makes one long for the ground in spite of the mud. Chungking is undoubtedly a thriving city. The evidences of prosperity are many. Large, well-stocked shops occupy the principal streets, provisions of every kind abound, while the bustling activity indicates a large and thriving trade. The foreign community has increased of late, but is so scattered in different parts of the city (some even being across the large river) that visiting is a difficulty, should one wish to be at all in the city. This is the great distributing point for west, south, and some places in the north; the traveller going farther west will probably make a change of boats here and accommodate himself to a somewhat different order of things even in boat life.

(To be continued.)

#### FOOCHOW NOTES.

Foochow, 12th March, 1892.

The Viceroy, we are informed, will be leaving in the course of the next week or two. An Imperial cruiser is daily expected to convey his Excellency and family to Peking. A fire broke out in a blacksmith's shop in the city on Sunday last and completely destroyed the premises. The high walls which surrounded them fortunately prevented the flames from spreading.

The native feast on Thursday last was in honour of the Joss presiding over trade. While there was a general feeling abroad that he had been sadly negligent of his duties in looking after their interests of late years, the traders, in their superstition, daid not leave the anniversary unnoticed for fear of offending him and making matters worse.

The authorities, finding their prohibition affecting the use of opium, a cash disregard, are now taking active measures to enforce it, or perhaps ordering their subordinates to adopt means to do so. Yamen runners in disguise went this week to two well known banks to exchange paper dollars, when at both establishments 7,000 cash, mixed with spurious, or 930, all good, were tendered. The former was accepted to serve as a conviction, and the runners, declaring themselves, gave the unfortunate bankers the option of a terrific quack or arrest.

We have news from the Pagoda Anchorage of a tiger having been killed by the natives a few days ago in the neighbourhood of Mingan. It had seized a child and was making off with it, when all the natives of the place turned out in a body and slew the monster, the child being rescued alive, with, however, an arm broken. It proved a lucrative day's work for the villagers, as the animal was a large one, weighing about 400 pounds and they were selling the flesh at 28 cents per pound. The official in the village, who is just below Pagoda, of Changlow, offered a reward of \$30 per tiger, for as many of them as can be caught, dead or alive.

After a lapse of eight years since the Franco-Chinese trouble, an offer has just been made to the authorities to raise the sunken gunboats at Pagoda Anchorage. The offer has been rejected, on the grounds that neither the wrecks nor their contents are likely now to be of the slightest value. It is a pity that the offer was not made earlier, when perhaps the government might have cleared with it; if not for the value of the lost property, at least for the sake of the river-course, which has been so seriously affected by the wrecks being allowed to remain where they are. For this last reason we regret that this offer, though late in coming, was not entertained. The government might at the same time have availed themselves of this contractor's services to remove the Limpo barrier. The bamboo groves, thrown out here and there, appear so far to have done but little good. Pestilence is prophesying the absolute necessity of having a road, for the transport of merchandise, between the Bridge and Pagoda, before many years pass by, but we cannot imagine such a river as the Min ever silted up to such shallowness as to stop traffic altogether.

From an up-country team with whom we are well acquainted and who has come down to see after his unsold stock here, we learn that several of the teams are very much against the proposal to make small chops next season, on the grounds that it would add so much to the expense of preparation. We do not quite follow his explanation as to how this costs about, but as he asserts that a large pile of tea can be fired at the same expense as a smaller one, both being contracted for as a day's work, we suppose we must accept the statement, as correct. We

were glad to have our information on the subject of early firing, lately published, confirmed. Instead of allowing the tea to stand about for a long time as heretofore, it is to be fired as soon after picking as possible. On the subject of supply, he stated, in reply to our enquiries, that the quantity would depend upon the extent of the advances made by the Hong Kong, but he had reason to believe that it would fall considerably short of last year, as neighbours in the country had told him that they were unable to get their customary advances made. He heard that loans and credit generally will be greatly restricted this year.—*Echo*.

#### SIAM NOTES.

Bangkok, 9th March, 1892.

The King of Siam turned the first sod of the Korat Railway on the 9th instant in the presence of a large number of Europeans and natives. The *Corps Diplomatique* were fully represented, as were the contractors, Messrs. Murray Campbell & Company. It is the first Siamese State Railway and is of commercial and political importance; being intended, we doubt, as a counter-move to the French-Mekong valley lines, which have been recently surveyed and carefully mapped out by M. Pavie, the well known explorer, and several scientific companions, who have spent many months in the great valley region during the past three years.

In the course of a scathing article on misrule in Siam the local *Free Press* very correctly states:—"This, then, is the fact which we wish to impress upon the Siamese, that the power of their monarch is owing to the misrule of his officials, that a spirit of discontent has been engendered which is fatal to all progress, all improvement, and all security for the country. Siam can well afford to let foreign politics take care of themselves for some time to come, despite the sinister rumours that are occasionally bruited abroad. Her internal affairs are in confusion; and instead of sending Commissioners with roving commissions to fleece the peasants, her Ministers ought to be actually at work to lighten the burdens which are productive of such enormous evils to Siam and her people, and which have every tendency to lead to serious political complications unless quickly remedied."

The same practices of exaction, tyranny and oppression that prevail in lower Siam, obtain along the Upper Mekong, only under a highly intensified form. Is it any wonder then, that the region is as yet an unsatisfactory market, that it causes an unfavourable impression, and that we see so much of a sterile soil, instead of a fruitful Government? The regions of the Upper Mekong have been devastated by the omnivorous tax-gatherer, the avaricious Governor, and the extortionate Commissioner, three plagues in the land which embody all the worst features of the ten plagues of Egypt.

The French recognise this fact and attribute the condition of the people, and their commercial standing, to the true cause. They are quick enough to see that once the people are free from the exactions which are like millstones around their necks, trade is possible, and trade of a highly remunerative character. Hence we hear the oft repeated story of the inhabitants of the upper Mekong desiring to go under the protection of the French flag. These statements must be taken cum grano, though they are not the logical outcome of a clear grasp of the situation. We cannot credit for a moment that the people have as yet shown any decided preference for the tri-colour, but this state of affairs cannot last. Indo-China is becoming feverish over the fact which the Siamese have obtained in the Korat Railway, and this tardiness the Frenchmen seem anxious to overcome. Railways from the Mekong to Yndh are already surveyed, and judging by the opinions of competent French authorities, a determined effort will be shortly made to run Siam hard for the commerce of the Mekong valley. With France in easy communication with this region, then, it is well to say that the French will carry out many advantages to be realised, and Siam will have made many of her efforts in vain.

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